

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method for treating ~~and/or impeding progression of burns, a burn, the method~~ comprising applying to the burned area a composition comprising ethyl alcohol and a topically acceptable polymeric carrier, wherein the concentration of said ethyl alcohol is in the range of 15-50% of the total weight of said composition, and the treatment impedes micro-vascular destruction and progression associated with the burn.

20. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 19, wherein the concentration of the ethyl alcohol in the composition is in the range of 20% to 50%.

21. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 19, wherein the topically acceptable ~~carrier comprises a polymer which~~ polymeric carrier forms a gel like matrix with the alcohol.

22. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 21, wherein the ~~polymer forming gel-like matrix is~~ polymeric carrier comprises an acidic polymer or a salt thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 22, wherein the acidic polymer is an acrylic polymer.

24. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 23, wherein the acrylic polymer is a ~~carbopol®~~ carbomer.

25. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 23, wherein the acrylic polymer is at least partially neutralized with a base ~~to form a salt thereof~~.

26. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 25, wherein the base is a nitrogen containing base.

27. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 26, wherein the base is selected from ~~the group consisting of~~ ammonium hydroxide, dialkanolamines and trialkanolamines.

28. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 27, wherein the composition comprises ethanol in a concentration of 15-50% w/w, polyacrylate in a concentration of 0.05%-5% and ammonium hydroxide in a concentration of 0.1-10%.

29. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 28, wherein the composition comprises ethanol in a concentration of 20-50% w/w, polyacrylate in a concentration of 0.05%-5% and triethanolamine in a concentration of 0.1-6%.

30. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 19, wherein the composition further comprises urea.

31. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 19, wherein said composition further comprises ~~plants-derived~~ plant derived material.

32. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 31, wherein the plant derived material is in the form of one or more plant extracts, one or more tinctures, one or more oils and/or one or more macerates.

33. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 32, wherein the plant is selected from ~~the group consisting of~~ arnica, plantago, equisetum, lavender, joubarbe, hamamelis, urtica, calendula, daucus, symphytum, sanguisorba, symphytum, aloe vera, roman chamomile, tea tree, witch hazel, Emu, Celosia Argentea and mameluca, and combinations thereof.

34. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 19, wherein the composition is ~~provided~~ in the form of a gel, cream, emulsion, lotion, suspension, liposomes, ethosomes, microcapsules or microspheres.

35. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 19, wherein the composition further comprises one or more ingredients selected from ~~the group consisting of~~ a local anesthetic, antibiotic, plant extract, vitamin, growth factor, protein, histamine, carnosine, insulin, anti-inflammatory agent, antiseptic agent, antifungal agent, anticytokine, an interleukin, growth hormone and re-epithelization factors, and combinations thereof.

36. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 19, wherein the topically acceptable carrier comprises one or more of the following polymers: chitin, guar, chitosan, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylalcohol, gum, silastic, eudragit, pectin, hyaluronic acid, hyaluronate, gelatin, gelatin derivative, agar, polymer adhesives, polaxomers, a ~~cellulose derivative, including~~ methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose, ~~and~~ hydroxyethylcellulose, or a mixture of ~~said excipients~~ thereof.

37. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the burn is caused by a scald.

38. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the burn is a second degree burn.

39. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the concentration of ethyl alcohol in the composition is in the range of 20% to 40%.

40. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the concentration of ethyl alcohol in the composition is about 20%.

41. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the concentration of ethyl alcohol in the composition is about 30%.

42. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the concentration of ethyl alcohol in the composition is about 35%.

43. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the concentration of ethyl alcohol in the composition is about 40%.

44. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the concentration of ethyl alcohol in the composition is about 45%.

45. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the concentration of ethyl alcohol in the composition is about 50%.

46. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the composition within about one hour of burn onset.